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SUBJ: MEDICAL CONDITION AND TRAVEL PLANS OF SMI SECRETARY
RIPLEY; TRAVEL PLANS OF SMI REP. WAYNE MILLS

REF: A. KENNEDY SCHMERTZ TELEPHONE CONVERSATION, 21 NOV.

WITH MRS. RIPLEY AND MILLS

B. STATE 228151 AND PREVIOUS

C. STATE 225673

D. STATE 226883

FOR WASHINGTON:

1. SEC. RIPLEY CONTINUES TO RECOVER SLOWLY IN CALCUTTA
FROM SEVERE CASE OF BACILLARY DYSENTERY AND ACCORDING DOCTORS'
ADVICE MUST HAVE ABSOLUTE REST FOR AT LEAST NEXT FOUR OR
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FIVE DAYS. DOCTOR FURTHER ADVISE AGAINST ARDUOUS TRAVEL OR

HEAVY WORK SCHEDULE FOR ADDITIONAL PERIOD OF ONE WEEK OR MORE DEPENDING ON THE RATE OF IMPROVEMENT IN HIS CONDITION.

FOR JAKARTA:

2. SEC. RIPLEY, THEREFORE, MOST REGRETFULLY MUST CANCEL HIS VISIT TO INDONESIA. HE WISHES TO EXPRESS HIS GRATITUDE TO AMBASSADOR GALBRAITH, LIPI AND ALL OTHER CONCERNED WITH THE SPLENDID ARRANGEMENTS WHICH HAD BEEN MADE FOR HIS VISIT.

FOR WASHINGTON:

3. ANY DECISION REGARDING RIPLEY ONWARD TRAVEL FROM CALCUTTA MUST AWAIT MEDICAL DEVELOPMENTS AND EXPECTED IMPROVEMENT IN HIS CONDITION OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS, BUT TENTATIVE PLANS CALL FOR HIS RETURN TO WASHINGTON BY EASY STAGES. WE WILL ADVISE PROPOSED TRAVEL PLANS ASAP. PLEASE INFORM ALL CONCERNED THAT PREVIOUS SCHEDULE CANCELLED.

4. ROSEMARY RIPLEY TENTATIVELY PLANS TO LEAVE CALCUTTA ABOUT 27 NOVEMBER TO RETURN TO NEW YORK BY THE MOST DIRECT CONNECTIONS.

5. AT REQUEST RIPLEY AND CONGEN, MILLS WILL REMAIN WITH RIPLEY FAMILY AS LONG AS THEY STAY IN CALCUTTA AND WILL ACCOMPANY THEM TO DELHI SHOULD THEY DECIDE TO STOPOVER THERE. PLEASE ADVISE DR. ROBERT HIGGINS AND ISLAMABAD AND KARACHI THAT MILLS PROBABLY WILL BE UNABLE TO JOIN HIGGINS IN KARACHI ON 27 NOV. BUT IF FEASIBLE HE WILL ATTEMPT JOIN HIGGINS IN PAKISTAN ASAP THEREAFTER. PLEASE KEEP MILLS ADVISED OF HIGGIN'S SCHEDULE. PRESUMABLY MILLS SHOULD BE FREE TO ACCOMPANY HIGGINS TO BANGLADESH.

6. MILLS REQUESTS SMI GIVE NECESSARY AUTHORIZATION TO NEW DELHI TO ISSUE HIS AIR TICKETS WITH 10 KILOS EXCESS BAGGAGE FOR TRAVEL TO PAKISTAN AND BANGLADESH CHARGING THE INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL PORTION OF HIS GRANT WHICH IS WITHHELD BY EMBASSY.

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